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SQJECT: INDIAN URANIUM CAPER

REF: KATHMANDU 3675, DTG 181015Z AUGUST 75

1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, DATT RECENTLY
ACQUIRED A SAMPLE OF
ALLEGED INDIAN URANIUM WHICH WAS POUCHED 22 AUGUST TO STATE
DEPT FOR TESTING.

2. ON 25 AUGUST URANIUM SOURCE ADVISED DATT HE HAD MET
PRAKASH CHAND (P.C.) THAKUR OLDER BROTHER OF BIJAY AND J.C.
THAKUR. P.C. THAKUR IS FORMER NEPALESE
AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN WHO WAS RECALLED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN DRUGS
AND WHO HAS SON IN JAPANESE JAIL ON DRUG SMUGGLING. SOURCE
TOLD P.C. THAKUR, WHO IS DISTANT RELATIVE, THAT HE HAD HEARD
OF INDIAN URANIUM SAMPLES AVAILABLE IN NEPAL. AFTER DESCRIBING
SAMPLES, P.C. THAKUR SAID THAT IT WAS EARTH MINED IN
NAGARJUN HILLS (ABOUT 5 MILES WESTNORTHWEST OF KATHMANDU)
AT VARIOUS TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. THAKUR CLAIMED
HE HAD MINERAL RIGHTS TO THAT AREA AND, BASED ON SOME OLD
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS BY SWISS GEOLOGIST TONI HAGEN, WAS

INTERESTED IN DETERMINING IF URANIUM EXISTED IN NAGARJUN
HILLS. THAKUR COULD NOT GET URANIUM TESTED IN NEPAL AND HIT
UPON SCHEME OF PEDDLING NEPALESE SAMPLES TO
FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AS INDIAN. IN THIS WAY HE SOUGHT FREE
TESTING. P.C. THAKUR ASSUMED THAT HIS BROTHERS WERE AGAIN
PUSHING SAMPLES FOR FREE TESTING.

3. COMMENT: SAMPLE ENROUTE TO DEPT APPEARS TO BE PART OF
ELABORATE HOAX PERPETRATED ON US AND OTHERS OVER PAST FEW
YEARS. INGENUITY AND AUDACITY OF NEPALESE IS MATCHED ONLY
BY OUR OWN GULLIBILITY.
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